

Family Page

Make this a week of family awareness. Discover ways you can help others. In your parish or neighborhood, there are people who need your concern and help. Take the time to find out about them. Here are a few suggestions.



- 1 Bake a casserole or special dessert for a shut-in neighbor.
- 2 Offer your services as family baby-sitters to a young couple who seldom gets out.
- 3 Donate magazines and books to a hospital or nursing care facility in your area.
- 4 Collect toys and games to donate to a local charity or children's hospital.

- 5 Decorate a "mission box" and place it on the kitchen table where everyone in the family can add to it. When the box is filled, send the money to the missions.
- 6 Older children can mow lawns or run errands for elderly or handicapped neighbors.

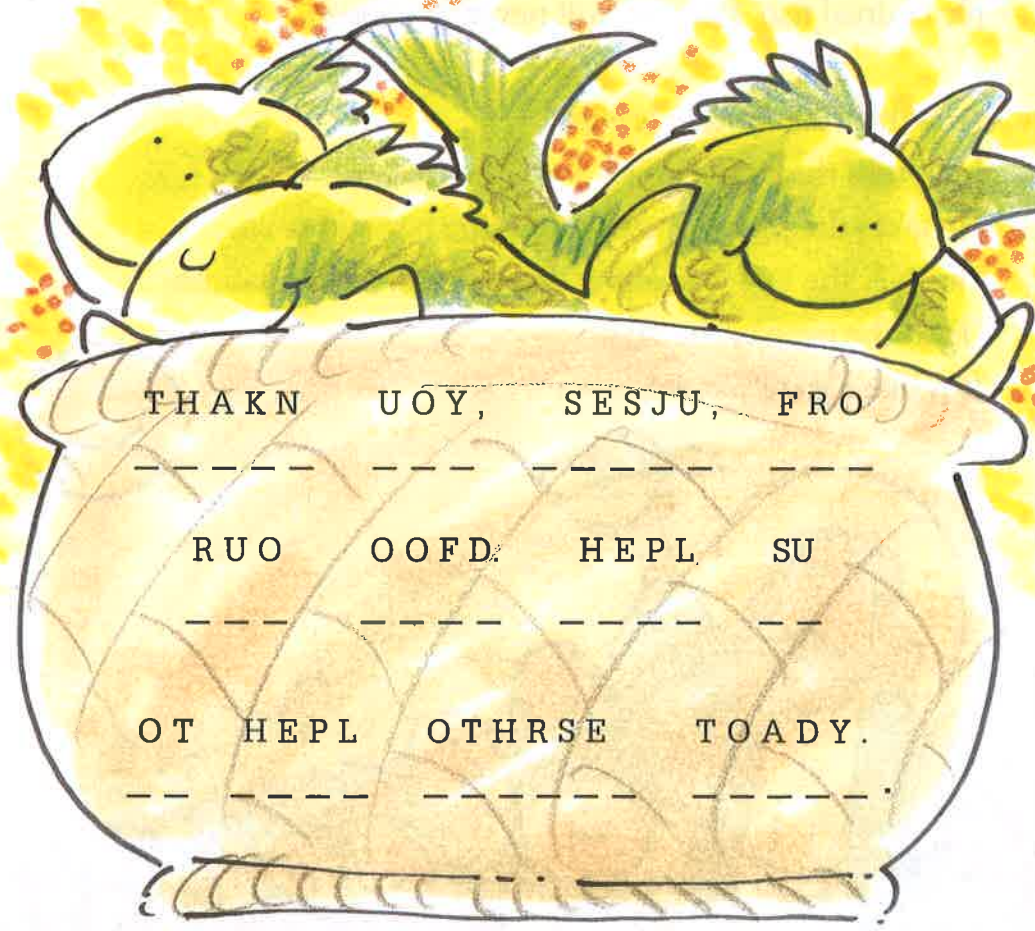
These are just a few ways you can "feed the hungry," for each person is hungry in his or her own way. Without the help of neighbors who care, some people have nowhere to turn.



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A Thank-You Prayer



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Unscramble the words on this basket to decode a prayer you can say before meals.

A Picnic With Jesus

Jesus is on a hillside, speaking to the crowd.
Thousands of people listen to his words.
The people have been here for hours. It is getting dark.
“Send the people home,” Philip says. “They are getting hungry.”
Jesus says, “Give them something to eat.”
So many people. How can they possibly feed them all?
Andrew tells Jesus, “Here is a boy with five loaves of bread and a couple of dried fish. But that will never be enough.”

And then the miracle begins!
Jesus tells the people to sit down on the grass.
He takes the loaves and fish from the boy and prays.
He gives the five loaves and two tiny fish to his disciples.
“Feed the people,” he says.
It is like a giant picnic!

Everyone eats until they are full.
The disciples pick up the leftovers.
They fill twelve baskets!
How did Jesus do it?
Five loaves — two fish — twelve baskets —
and all the people are filled!

A SECRET MESSAGE FROM JESUS

You can help Jesus perform miracles. Decode this message from Jesus and see what you can do. (In the puzzle, B stands for bread and F stands for fish.) Cross out all the B's and F's to find what Jesus wants you to do.

